

## Contributions.

### S. S. C. E. WORK.

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*Dear Sisters of the Endeavor:*—You have doubtless been desiring to hear more of the work of the S. S. C. E. at the recent conference than you have yet heard thro the EVANGELIST. I have been waiting to write until our secretary's report should be published, but as she, like others, has perhaps been so busy that the report was necessarily delayed, I shall give you a few items and facts, which I trust will be of interest to you.

On Friday night we held our business session, in the Brethren church on Somerset street, chose the members of the executive board, reorganized the society, and discussed plans of work for the present conference year. The conference gave us Saturday and Monday nights for our program. We asked for a part of Saturday, but the K. C. claimed all the day by previous arrangement, and we had to be content with the evenings, with two days sandwiched in. We had, however, a good attendance and an interesting program. Tho several of our sisters failed to prepare their papers, we had quite a number of very good papers, containing many practical thoughts and suggestions. Sister Gibbons was physically unable to present the needs of Chicago Mission as programmed, but Brother McFaden kindly took her place, and gave us a talk, making our hearts ache with pity as he told us of the poverty, misery, destitution and suffering in the city, some of which *you* and *I* can help to relieve if we will. In our garrets and trunks and bureaus are perhaps many articles of clothing which we do not really need and which would make some poor sufferer comfortable. As we sit by our warm fires when winter comes, as we gather about our richly spread tables, as we snugly tuck the blankets about us in our beds, let us remember those who have scanty fires, scanty clothes, scanty tables, mothers whose hearts are made to ache as they look upon the hungry, shivering forms of their little children and realize their helplessness to relieve them. Let us remember too, that He whom we love has said, "If any man have two coats, let him give to him that hath none."

Our sales' table at conference was quite a success. There were many useful and beautiful articles, nearly all of which were sold, the proceeds

of which amounted to over thirty-seven dollars. I acknowledge also the following donations: Woburn, Md., S. S. C. E., \$1.00; Carleton, Neb., \$1.30; St. Luke, Va., \$.50; Bryan, Ohio, \$1.00; sisters Sarah and Lydia Kieser, \$1.00; sister Laura Slotter, \$2.00; sister Lizzie Smutcher, \$.10; Burns Chapel, Ind., \$1.00; Ashland, Ohio, \$2.00; South Bend, Ind., \$.75; sister Edith Beachy, \$1.00; sisters Callie Foltz and Lizzie Shoop, \$.50. In addition to this, the Pennsylvania State Organization presented a beautiful silk quilt to be sold at the conference for the benefit of Chicago, Washington and Dayton Missions. The conference bought it for \$32.50 and presented it to Brother Holsinger. Brother Jacob Cassel made a nice little presentation speech to which Brother Holsinger responded touchingly, stating that it was his desire that upon his death it should be spread upon his casket, and after his interment it should again become the property of the S. S. C. E. and that he would make a will to that effect. Many hearts were deeply moved as our dear brother stood before us, and with weak, voice atremble with emotion, expressed his thanks and his desire.

And now dear sisters, we thank you one and all for your contributions to our table. May yours, "some sweet day, by and by," be an exceeding great reward. And now, let us not be weary in well doing, but let us already make preparations for another conference. We have thought of trying a different plan for next year, soliciting cash donations only. The sales' table requires quite a little care and attention and takes some from our enjoyment of the deliberations of the conference. Then too, those who are at the expense of attending conference are also the ones who donate many of the articles, and purchase others. We have therefore thought of asking the sisters all over our brotherhood of saving their pennies and nickels during the year, and sending them next conference as a cash donation to the S. S. C. E. Let each president present this matter to her society, urge it upon the members, and then have the donations collected at the proper time and send to conference. There are eighty societies; if each society contributed \$1, it would aggregate \$80, just about what we aggregated this year. A few societies may not be able to contribute more than that, but many could do much better. Let us try it, dear sisters. Place a little box

on the mantel or bureau, and visit it as often as possible with a donation. You might make it a thank offering box and when you have some special blessing to be thankful for, drop a few pennies or nickels into your box. Then count it *sacred* money, too sacred to be touched for any purpose but that for which it was placed there.

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## A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE LINE OF EDUCATION.

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Before me lies the "digest" by Brother Mackey of the paper which he refers to in his communication to BRETHREN EVANGELIST of last week, which was presented and discussed during a session of the S. S. C. E. at our late National Conference.

Having read and re-read the "digest" it appears to me, to be of so much importance that it can not be agitated too strongly, therefore, I offer a few remarks on the line of education. I love the expression, "keep in touch with each other," when applied to those institutions which tend to elevate and build up society.

The law of association is that power which has demonstrated itself many times as being the factor, or at least one of the greatest factors, at work in the realm of man, unfolding and developing those God-given talents, which were given him for the great work of the Master—the glorification of his name and the salvation of souls. By coming in contact with each other, learning each other's natures and dispositions, we are made to realize each other's needs and how to supply them. Progression is the sure sign of a non-sleeping body.

The day has come, 'yea always has been when an educated ministry is needed. The limit of an educated ministry can not be ascertained by the present work which one does. If one's work has been effective without